

Legend For Comment/Responses
To
CSAC MMA Proposed Regulation

W-1 = Accepted. CSAC adopted the regulations. None.

W-3 = No response necessary since commenter made no objection or recommendation.

W-4 = Accepted. The commission accepted this comment.

W-5 = Rejected: The California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) rejected this comment at this time. This is a new program for the CSAC. The proposed rules are very similar to those used by other states. Potential promoters and fighters have expressed exasperation and frustration at the lengthy delays in adopting these regulations. The process would be further delayed if the CSAC made changes at this time. Therefore, since this is an entirely new program and the CSAC wishes to see how it will work, the CSAC cannot make changes at this time but will consider changes at a later time should change appear necessary.

W-6 = Rejected: Suggested change addresses the format of the rules not the content.

UPDATED INFORMATION

The Commission posted for 15 days a Corrected Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) on June 1, 2005 with a final date for comments set at June 16, 2005.

The Commission received one comment on the Corrected Initial Statement of Reason (ISOR) from Stephen Quadros. That comment was directed at language that was included in the original published ISOR and upon which Mr. Quadros had already been given the opportunity to comment. It was not directed at the text that was added to the ISOR as part of the Corrected ISOR.

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COMMENT NUMBER	SECTION AREA	COMMENTATOR/COMMENTS BOTH ORAL (O) & WRITTEN (W)	RESPONSE	REVISION NEEDED
W-1	<u>500-Citation</u>	<p><u>Honorable Ed Chavez, Assemblyman 57th District Chair of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Medical Committee (Written)</u></p> <p>"I write to encourage the Commission to adopt the mixed martial arts regulations as currently drafted at your hearing set for February 22nd." "I encourage you to reject any amendments that would jeopardize the health and safety of MMA participants." ...</p> <p><u>Honorable Rebecca Cohn, Assemblymember 24th District Member of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Medical Committee (Written)</u></p>	Accepted. CSAC adopted the regulations.	None
W-2	<u>500-Citation</u>	<p>"On February 22, the California State Athletic Commission (Commission), will consider regulations regarding the sport of mixed martial arts (MMA)". " I encourage the Commission to adopt those regulations as proposed." ...</p>	Same as comment W-1.	Same as comment W-1.
	<u>501-Applicability of Rules; Definitions</u>	No Comments Received	None	None
	<u>502-Certain Boxing Rules Not Applicable</u> (a) (b)	No Comments Received	None	None
W-3	<u>503-Tournament or Elimination Format Contests- Selection of Opponents</u>	<p><u>KIRK HENDRICK, UFC (Written/Oral)</u></p> <p>Regarding the tournament format, I don't really have an opinion on that right now because the UFC(r) currently doesn't promote any tournaments. However, I am personally concerned about multiple full-contact fights in one evening. If such events are not carefully and highly regulated, safety issues could arise.</p>	No response necessary since commenter made no objection or recommendation.	None

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W-4	<u>503-Tournament or Elimination Format Contests- Selection of Opponents</u>	<u>PAUL SMITH, MMA PROMOTER (Written)</u> In any non-championship tournament or non-championship elimination format contest, the commission shall determine the initial opponents in the first round of the tournament by drawing names at the weigh-in.	Accepted. The commission accepted this comment.	None.
W-5	<u>503-Tournament or Elimination Format Contests- Selection of Opponents</u>	For Championship tournament or Championship elimination format contest, the commission shall take the match makers or sanctioning bodies recommendation based on the fighters records and ranking in said weight class in making the tournament brackets for the first round of the tournament into consideration.	Rejected: The California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) rejected this comment at this time. This is a new program for the CSAC. The proposed rules are very similar to those used by other states. Potential promoters and fighters have expressed exasperation and frustration at the lengthy delays in adopting these regulations. The process would be further delayed if the CSAC made changes at this time. Therefore, since this is an entirely new program and the CSAC wishes to see how it will work, the CSAC cannot make changes at this time but will consider changes at a later time should change appear necessary.	None.
W-6	<u>510-Weights & Classes</u>	<u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u> Rule 510 becomes 803. ARTICLE 1. SAFETY STANDARDS	Rejected: Suggested change addresses the format of the rules not the content.	None.
W-7	<u>512-Rounds; Number; Length; Rest Period</u>	<u>NELSON HAMILTON-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written/Oral)</u> <u>Article 2. Safety Standards</u> 512: Rounds; Number; Length; Rest Period. Recommendation: If this rule is modified to permit a 10 minute first round in addition to the 5 minute rounds, a format successfully in use presently, it	Rejected: Same as W-5	Same as W-5.

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		would allow for a diversification of promotions without compromising fighter safety. This is in the best interest of CSAC.		
W-8	<u>512-Rounds;</u> <u>Number;</u> <u>Length; Rest</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>YUKINO KANDA & TURI ALTAVILLA-PRIDE</u> <u>(Written/Oral)</u> 1)Article 2, Section 512 ... " Though we do not want to prevent other MMA promotions from following the round format proposed in the CSAC regulations (if they so choose), with the approval of the Commission, we would like the option and flexibility of going with the 10-5-5 format that is synonymous with our event."	Rejected: Same as W-5.	Same as W-5.
W-9	<u>512-Rounds;</u> <u>Number;</u> <u>Length; Rest</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u> Rule 512 becomes 802. Rounds; Number; Length; Rest Period.	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-10	<u>512-Rounds;</u> <u>Number;</u> <u>Length; Rest</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>STEVE FOSSUM, IKF & ISCF World President (Written)</u> In the IKF, we "DO" have "12" round bouts. For Full Contact (Above the waist rules) our WORLD TITLE bouts are 12, 2 minute rounds with 1 minute rests.	Same as W-3.	Same as W-3
W-11	<u>513-Fighters'</u> <u>Equipment</u>	<u>NELSON HAMILTON-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written/Oral)</u> 513: Ring Costume. Recommendation: This rule be expanded to permit the wearing of commission approved shoes and Gi's with the following provisions; any competitor	Rejected: Same as W-5.	Same as W-5.

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		choosing to wear shoes will not be permitted to kick, any competitor choosing to wear shoes or a Gi will be permitted to do so only if the opponent agrees in writing at the time that contracts are signed.		
W-12	<u>513-Fighters' Equipment</u>	<p><u>YUKINO KANDA & TURI ALTAVILLA-PRIDE (Written/Oral)</u></p> <p>2) Article 2, Section 513 (b)</p> <p>"... we feel that it is better to give participants a choice in the matter of wearing shoes." " Martial arts such as Judo and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu revolve heavily around the use of the gi and, again, we feel it should be up to the participant to decide on whether or not to compete with it."</p>	Rejected: Same as W-5.	Same as W-5.
W-13	<u>513-Fighters' Equipment</u>	<p><u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u></p> <p>Rule 513 becomes 804.</p>	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-14	<u>513-Fighters' Equipment</u>	<p><u>STEVE FOSSUM, IKF & ISCF World President (Written)</u></p> <p>513 (b): Do I read this rule correctly? That "PROFESSIONAL KICKBOXERS" are now allowed to make up their own minds whether they want to wear foot pads or shin guards, regardless what is required by the rule style of the Sanctioning Body sanctioning the bout? Please clarify.</p>	Same as W-3.	Same as W-3.
W-15	<u>514-Gloves</u>	<p><u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u></p> <p>The gloves worn by MMA fighters are 4oz gloves for all weight classes. We should consider having the heavier weight classes using 6oz gloves.</p>	Rejected: Same as W-5.	Same as W-5.
	<u>515-Time Between Bouts</u>	None Received.	None.	None

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W-16	<u>516-Method of Scoring When There is an Injury</u>	<u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u> Rule 516 becomes 807. Method of Scoring.	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-17	<u>517-Intentional Fouling</u>	<u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u> Rule 517 becomes 805. Intentional Fouls.	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-18	<u>518-Unintentional Fouling</u>	<u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u> Rule 518 becomes 806. Unintentional Fouls.	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-19	<u>520-Method of Judging</u>	<u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u> Rule 520 becomes 807. Method of Scoring.	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-20	<u>521-Minimum Kicking Requirement-Kickboxing Contest (Deleted)</u>	<u>STEVE FOSSUM, IKF & ISCF World President (Written)</u> Section 521: In the IKF, for KICKBOXING, there is still a "Minimum kick Requirement" per round.	Same as W-3.	Same as W-3.

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W-21	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<p><u>NELSON HAMILTON-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written/Oral)</u></p> <p>522: Fouls Section C-3: Disallows knee strikes to the head of an opponent who is not standing.</p> <p>Recommendation: I propose that knee strikes to the head of an opponent while on the ground be permitted. If the Commission wishes, it could stipulate that the technique could be used only if both fighters agree in writing as part of their contract.</p>	Rejected: Same as W-5	Same as W-5
W-22	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<p><u>PAUL SMITH, MMA PROMOTER (Written)</u></p> <p>(3) Using knees to the head of an opponent who is not standing.</p> <p>Recommendation: I propose that knee strikes to the head of an opponent while on the ground be permitted. If the Commission wishes, it could stipulate that the technique could be used only if both fighters agree in writing as part of their contract.</p>	Rejected: Same as W-5	Rejected: Same as W-5
W-23	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<p><u>Steve Quadros (Written)</u></p> <p>1) Ban the forearm/elbow strike</p>	Same as W-3.	Same as W-3

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W-24	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<u>YUKINO KANDA & TURI ALTAVILLA-PRIDE</u> <u>(Written/Oral)</u> 3)Article 2, Section 522, Sub-section C-3 Our event allows knees to the head while fighters are on the ground (this is currently listed as a foul in the proposed CSAC rules). ...	Rejected: Same as W-5	Same as W-5
W-26	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<u>4)Article 2, Section 522, Sub-section C-1 & C-6</u> Kicks to the head (on the ground) is another fighting method allowed in our event that is not permitted by the proposed CSAC rules. ...	Rejected: Same as W-5	Same as W-5
W-27	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<u>1) Article 2, Section 522</u> Elbows to the head: This fighting method is allowed by both the unified rules and proposed CSAC rules, but not permitted in our events. While we do not want to prevent other promotions from allowing elbows in their events (if they so choose), with the approval of the commission, we would prefer the option of not incorporating them in our events.	Rejected: Same as W-5	Same as W-5
W-28	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<u>Jon Schorle-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE(Written)</u> Rule 522 becomes Rule 808. Fouls in Mixed Martial Arts Contests. ... The following acts constitute fouls in a contest or exhibition of mixed martial arts:	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-29	<u>522-Fouls</u>	<u>KIRK HENDRICK, UFC(Written/Oral)</u> Regarding knees to the head of a grounded opponent, Zuffa, LLC (owner of the UFC(r) brand) will have to go on record opposing that suggestion.	Same as W-3.	Same as W-3.
W-30	<u>523 -Ring</u>	<u>NELSON HAMILTON-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written/Oral)</u> <u>Article 4 – Ring and Equipment</u> 523 (d) –	Rejected: Same as W-5.	Same as W-5.

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		Recommendation: I propose that the ring be adopted as a reasonable alternative to events held within a cage/fenced area,		
W-31	<u>523-Ring</u>	<u>YUKINO KANDA & TURI ALTAVILLA-PRIDE (Written/Oral)</u> <u>5) Article 4, Section 523, Sub-section D</u> ... For us the adoption of the ring is incredibly important not only functionally but because it is symbolic of our brand of MMA.	Rejected: Same as W-5.	Same as W-5.
W-32	<u>523-Ring</u>	<u>JON SCHORLE-CSAC PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS REFEREE AND JUDGE (Written)</u> Rule 523 becomes 810. Requirements for ring or fenced area; use of video screens.	Rejected: Same as W-6.	Same as W-6.
W-33	<u>523-Ring</u>	<u>STEVE QUADROS (Written)</u> I don't particularly like the cage either. Pride and K-1 are both in a ring. Vale Tudo, the original professional sport of MMA, originated in Brazil in the 1920's and it was in a ring. In the US (and around the world) boxing and pro wrestling have a long heritage of being held in a ring. Thailand's equivalent to the NBA or NFL, Muay Thai, has always been in a ring. That's the traditional angle. On an entertainment angle the cage makes it extremely hard to see the action when they competitors go to the ground and are up against the cage, both on TV and ESPECIALLY when you are watching at the event. It is very easy to take an opponent down and pin him against the cage too. This makes for some incredibly dull matches for the general public. And lastly the cage sends a very different message to people in society who are not familiar with MMA. The masses think of it as two animals in a cage fight. It does not have a positive impact like	Rejected: Same as W-5.	Rejected: Same as W-5.

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W-34	<u>523-Ring</u>	<p>the tradition of the ring. I'm not saying ban the cage, but encourage and or give promoters the choice of having there matches in a ring.</p> <p>The immediate flaw people may point to with having MMA in a ring is that it's possible to fall out of it when fighting. But people have fallen out of rings MANY times in boxing and kickboxing so that excuse doesn't entirely hold water when trying to selectively critique MMA in a ring. And Pride has solved this by the implementation of a rule that if the fighters are on the ground and are moving towards going through the ropes and out of the ring, the ref stops the action and moves the fighters to the center of the ring and restarts them in the downed position they were in at the ropes. It's a great rule and one of the reasons why Pride's ground fights are superior and more exciting to those held in a cage. Plus events that have MMA in rings also have staff members that move around outside the ring and physically make sure the fighters don't fall out when it appears they might.</p> <p><u>STEVE FOSSUM, IKF & ISCF World President (Written)</u> Section 523 (d): Can a BOXING ring be used for mixed martial Arts Bouts? A boxing ring "Without" a "Fence" as noted in this section, only the regular ring ropes?</p>	Same as W-3.	Same as W-3.
	524-Sanitation	None.	None.	None.
	530-Communication of Counting for Knockdowns-Kickboxing	None	None.	None.
	531-Standing Eight-Count-Kickboxing	None.	None.	None.
	533-Championship Matches and Exhibitions	None.	None.	None.